

~~WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:~~

1. A data acquisition and retrieval system having
2 wireless handheld interfaces for user entry of data, said system
3 comprising:
4 a data base for storing data input by said user;
5 a command server for managing said data base;
6 a communications server for receiving and transmitting packets of
7 information to and from said handheld interfaces, said packets
8 being constructed in a first format having a header and a data
9 segment, said communications server converting packets to a
10 second format and constructing a message therefrom, said
11 communications server transmitting said message to said command
12 server; said command server accessing said database and returning
13 a message list, said communications server converting said
14 returned message to said first format of said packets and
15 transmitting said packets to said handheld interfaces, said
16 handheld interface using a touch pad for allowing the user to
17 enter data by contacting virtually defined regions on said touch
18 pad.

